



City of Concord

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SINKHOLE AFTERMATH

After assessing the impacts with City Engineer Ed Roberge of losing an existing culvert that provided a drainage outlet to the Merrimack River for much of the City's central business district and immediately surrounding neighborhoods, Concord General Services' crews worked through much of the day yesterday establishing new drainage connections to other existing culverts under Interstate 93. The emergency repair work completed by the NH Department of Transportation, which returned the major arterial highway to full service within 12 hours of Wednesday's event, effectively retired the brick culvert from service. The City was very fortunate to have drainage facilities nearby to redirect the City's storm water.

MAIN STREET PROJECT

Sidewalks and curbs will be the major focus of next week's work on Main Street. Crews will lay granite curb for sidewalks, as well as the center median beginning at Centre Street and heading south. Sidewalks between Capitol Street and Capital Plaza will undergo fine grading. In addition, sidewalk ramps and the eventual brick zone will be prepped for construction. Planters and granite seating foundations will be constructed over the course of the week as well. Across the street, the area in front of Northway Bank will remain under construction. However, customers should know that accessibility to the bank will be maintained at all times. If you find yourself confused or unsure, be sure to ask a crew member.



ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Drainage work on Village Street will continue next week between Snow Street and Abbott Street, in addition to the installation of the new sewer run on Hobart Street. One-lane, two-way traffic will be maintained through the work zone. Delays can be expected during construction hours.



HELP MAKE CONCORD MORE WALKABLE

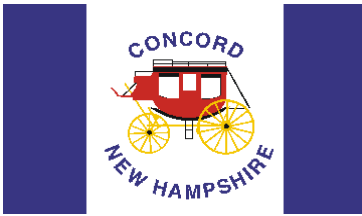


The public is invited to attend the second of three Pedestrian Master Plan Visioning Meetings on **Tuesday, August 25th, at 6:00 PM**, at the Center for Health Promotion located at 49 South Main Street.

A Pedestrian Master Plan is intended to help the City guide planning decisions in order to make Concord a better place to get around on foot. Whether it's to get you where you want to go, or if you simply want to get out for fun and exercise. The meeting is being hosted in partnership with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) and the Pedestrian Subcommittee of the City's Transportation Policy Advisory Committee. Listening session topics will include sidewalk conditions, trails and connections, street crossings, safe routes to school, and more. To help support the project, the CNHRPC has developed a survey for the public to provide additional input. Please visit www.cnhrpc.org to [complete the survey](#).

A third visioning meeting will be held on the Heights on a date to be determined. For more information, contact Craig Tufts at ctufts@cnhrpc.org.

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★ EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ★

Congratulations to General Services' employees **Kevin Rowell** and **Fred Schaefer** for successfully completing certification as Grade I Water Works Distribution Operators with the NH Department of Environmental Services.

In other news, General Services employee **Bruce Ferry** and Concord Police Lieutenant **John Thomas** each received a Performance Get Away award from Police Chief Brad Osgood. John had an idea to install police radios in Concord schools, with a built-in panic alarm which would send an immediate signal to Police Dispatch in emergency situations, especially when dialing 911 may not be possible. Bruce handles the radio equipment for the City and helped John program old police radios with a specific code for each school to automatically alert Dispatch of which school has activated the alarm. All public and private schools in Concord have this emergency panic system now in place. The City is hopeful that the Merrimack Valley School District will be on board soon. A desk/laptop system similar to this would have cost the City an estimated \$11,000-\$17,000. This procedure developed by John and Bruce is of no extra cost to the City or the school system.

I-93 EXIT 12 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On Monday, August 24th, Audley Construction will be installing a new water service on South Main Street, in the vicinity of Joffre Street. Traffic will be reduced to alternating one-way traffic. On Tuesday, they will be replacing a hydrant on the corner of Joffre Street. As a result, residents from Broadway to the Exit 12 bridge will have no water between the hours of 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. All affected parties have been notified.

SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This week's construction activities included the completion of clearing and grubbing within the project limits and the continuation of the installation of erosion and sediment control measures. Additionally, the prime contractor, ED Swett, has placed trail access detour signs to direct pedestrian traffic to and from the Sewalls Falls Road Multi-use Recreational Facility. Activities planned for next week include the installation storm drainage pipe and structures along with the continued construction of an access road to the west of the existing bridge's land spans in preparation for building a river access trestle.



WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES

Concord General Services has installed a new aluminum bar screen for water flow intake at the City's Water Treatment Plant. One of the water storage tanks was also recently upgraded with new exterior paint and the installation of a new ladder. These upgrades increase employee safety and invest in the community's water supply. Providing the community with safe and clean drinking water is a top priority in the City of Concord.

